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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all of the pending claims. The status of the claims is set forth in parentheses.

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a sort controller receiving a plurality of information items regarding content,
wherein the sort controller sorts the information items using primary and
secondary sort keys derived from predetermined user sorting preferences for a current user task
context and a content type for the information items.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the selected sort keys
include a primary sort key is selected by the user and a the secondary sort key is selected based
on a the nature of the current user task context inferred from the primary sort key selected by
the user.
4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein a change in the current
user task context is inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.
5. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of
information items are displayed in an order determined by the sort controller together with a user
control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values under the primary sort key.
6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising one of: an audio receiver, a video
receiver, an Internet access device, and a remote control device, said apparatus comprising:
an input for receiving content and a plurality of information items regarding the
content; and

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a sort controller receiving and sorting the information items using primary and secondary sort keys derived from predetermined user sorting preferences for a current user task context and a content type for the information items.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ~~selected sort keys~~ include a primary sort key is selected by the user and a the secondary sort key is selected based on a the nature of the current user task context inferred from the primary sort key selected by the user.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a change in the current user task context is inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of information items are displayed in an order determined by the sort controller together with a user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values under the primary sort key.

11. (Currently Amended) A sorting method comprising:

receiving content and a plurality of information items regarding the content; and
sorting the information items using primary and secondary sort keys derived from predetermined user sorting preferences for a current user task context and a content type for the information items.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~selected sort keys~~

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include a primary sort key is selected by the user and a the secondary sort key is selected based on a the nature of the current user task context inferred from the primary sort key selected by the user.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein a change in the current user task context is inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

displaying the plurality of information items ~~are displayed~~ in an order determined by sorting using the primary and secondary sort keys together with a user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values under the primary sort key.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a user interface communicably coupled to the sort controller to receive user input identifying the current user task context.

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22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a user interface communicably coupled to the sort controller to receive user input identifying the current user task context.
23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising: receiving user input identifying the current user task context.
24. (Canceled)